CBI inquiry into Immigration Racket

277. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has been asked to investigate the case that could expose immigration racket allegedly involving official of U.K. High Commission and operatives of an Indian Intelligence Agency;

(b) whether it is also a fact that U.K. Home Office has supplied clues to the Ministry of External Affairs;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to ensure fair CBI probe?

(d) the present stage of the investigation process; and

(e) by when the matter is likely to be finally settled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) to (e) The information provided by U.K. authorities has been handed over to CBI to conduct an investigation into the matter.

American help to bring Dawood Ibrahim back

278. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the long awaited U.S. announcement that Dawood Ibrahim *alias* Sheikh Dawood Hassan is a specifically desginated global terrorist with a Pak-Passport and a Karachi address;

(b) whether it is not only nails Pakistan's lie denying Dawood's presence in Pakistan also underscores the fact that the U.S. knows that Dawood is based in Pakistan;

(c) whether the U.S. has, in response to India's request put any pressure on Pakistan to depart Dawood, one of the 20 most wanted by India, to India; and

(d) the Pak Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) The information published by the United States on Dawood Ibrahim corroborates Government's position regarding his presence and linkages in Pakistan.

(c) The United States has, on several occasions, stated that it has raised the issue of India's list with Parkistan, besides calling on Pakitsan to take steps to end cross-border terrorism. The international community, including the United States, expects that Pakistan would comply with the UN Security Council Resolution 1373 of 2001 and cooperative with other countries in bringing terrorists to justice.

(d) There is no change in Pakistan's position with regard to Dawood Ibrahim or others on the list of 20, which is with the Government of Pakistan for nearly two years.

Russian assistance for Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant

279. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 2000-MW Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant being built with Russian assistance in Tamil Nadu, also came for discussion during the recent visit of Indian team to that country;

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken at the meet; and

(c) by when the power plant is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) In the discussion held between Hon'ble Prime Minister and President of the Russian Federation H.E. Mr. Vladimir Putin during his visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister to Moscow from 11-13 November, 2003, both sides expressed satisfaction at the progress of the construction of two 1000-MW nuclear power units at Kudankulam